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REF: A) STATE 177616; B) STATE 202260; C) BRUSSELS 8327

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHÉ (PER
REF B), BELGIAN FONMIN CLAES SAID BELGIANS WERE ALREADY
WORKING AT FULL SPEED TO EQUIP MALAWI CONTINGENT. CLAES

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OFFERED TO SPEAK TO EU COLLEAGUES ASAP TO REATIN SOME
OF THEM GET TOGETHER TO EQUIP THE TUNISIAN CONTINGENT. ON

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CLAES RAISED HIS CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 15,000 ARMED HUTU IN CAMPS IN ZAIRE. GOZ WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH DISARMING SUCH A NUMBER. CLAES SAID BELGIAN DIPLOMATIC TEAM WHICH ARRIVED IN KIGALI THIS WEEK FOUND SITUATION EVEN WORSE THAN THEY HAD FEARED, WITH NO WATER, ELECTRICITY, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, GASOLINE AND WITH PUBLIC BUILDINGS DESTROYED. BELGIANS ARE ORGANIZING TO SUPPLY EVEN WATER TO ITS DIPLOMATIC TEAM THROUGH BUJUMBURA. END SUMMARY.

3. DRAWING ON REFS A AND B, AMBASSADOR MADE REQUESTED DEMARCHE TO BELGIAN FONMIN CLAES 7/29. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS URGENT TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO
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GET UNAMIR EQUIPPED AND DEPLOYED BEFORE FRENCH DEPARTURE. BELGIUM COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN SUPPORTING THIS. NOTING THAT MESSAGE HE WAS CONVEYING WAS A PERSONAL ONE FROM ACTING SECRETARY TALBOTT, AMBASSADOR ASKED THAT BELGIUM PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MATERIEL TO EQUIP ONE OF THE CONTINGENTS THE UN HAS IDENTIFIED. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT WASHINGTON HAD SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE TUNISIAN CONTINGENT AS ONE OF THE FIRST WHICH COULD BE MADE READY TO DEPLOY.

4. AS EMBASSY HAD EARLIER REPORTED (REF C), CLAES RESPONDED THAT BELGIUM WAS ALREADY IN FULL SWING WITH ITS EFFORTS THROUGH THE UN TO EQUIP THE 120-150 PERSON MALAWI CONGINGENT. BELGIUM WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GENERAL BARIL AT THE UN ON THIS EFFORT AND WOULD BE SUPPLYING "100 PERCENT" OF THE MALAWI CONTINGENT'S EQUIPMENT NEEDS.

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7. CLAES SAID BELGIAN DIPLOMATIC TEAM WHICH ARRIVED IN KIGALI THIS WEEK FOUND SITUATION THERE DRAMATIC--MUCH WORSE THAN EXPECTED. THERE WAS NO WATER, ELECTRICITY, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, GASOLINE, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND MANY PRIVATE ONES HAD BEEN DESTROYED. BELGIANS WERE SENDING JEEPS WITH FOOD AND WATER FROM BUJUMBURA JUST TO SUPPLY THEIR TEAM IN KIGALI.

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8. CLAES ALSO CONFIDED HIS CONCERN ABOUT ARMED HUTU IN ZAIRE. LATEST FIGURES GOB HAS SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE 15,000 HUTU IN CAMPS IN ZAIRE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISARMED. DISARMING THEM WOULD BE BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF GOZ.

9. IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH CLAES, CLAES' CHEF DE CABINET LODE WILLEMS PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS ON THE BELGIANS' WORK WITH THE UN ON EQUIPPING THE MALAWI CONTINGENT (REF C). WILLEMS SAID THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR AT THE UN HAD MET WITH BARIL ON SUPPLYING THE MALAWI CONTINGENT. THE UN HAD SENT MILITARY EXPERTS TO LILONGWE WHO WERE POSITIVE ABOUT THE MALAWI CONTINGENT, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS WELL ORGANIZED, WELL-TRAINED AND READY TO GO WHEN IT GOT THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT. THE BELGIAN UN MISSION IS NOW GETTING FINAL DETAILS FROM UN AND WILL THEN WORK ON A DELIVERY TIMETABLE TO TRY TO GET CONTINGENT DEPLOYED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WILLEMS UNDERSTOOD THE MALAWI CONTINGENT COULD GO TO KIGALI AS EARLY AS THE THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OF AUGUST IF MATERIEL BELGIUM WAS TO SUPPLY

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COULD BE DELIVERED TO KIGALI BY THAT TIME. A SECRET WAS
ALSO CONSIDERING A MILITARY ADVISORS' MISSION TO LILOGWE
TO LIAISE WITH THE MALAWI CONTINGENT ON ITS NEEDS.

10. BUJUMBURA MIMIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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